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# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995  
under The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Group Art Unit 1624  
Examiner Name Habte, K.  
Attorney Docket Number 1579-580

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider  
filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment  
provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim  
Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☒ Enclosed  
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 Form and Refs.  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for  
a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  
b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. 03/29/2004 JADD01 00000052 09880125  
b. ☒ Fees are attached as calculated below: 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP  
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$ 385.00  
ii. ☐ Petition is made to extend the due date \_\_\_\_\_ months (less \_\_\_\_\_ months previously paid) \$  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$  
c. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 enclosed  
d. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)  
e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed  
herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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